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Illicit cutting of trees in Karulai Estate forests.

* 342 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there have been illicit fellings on a large scale in Karulai Estate forests (private) in Amarambalam village, Ernad taluk, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Collector of Malabar sanctioned the prosecution of the offenders under section 8 of the Madras Preservation of Forests Act for having contravened the provisions of sections 3 (1) (*a*) and 3 (2) of the Act and the case was reported to be pending before the Additional First-class Magistrate, Kozhikode."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think the matter is before the Court. Then, it is *sub judice*. I pass on to the next question."

(Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar rose.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" No, no. I have got to cover eighteen questions within fifteen minutes. It is not possible to allow supplementaries on this question as the matter is before the Court. I shall pass on to the next question."

Improvements to sub-jails in Tanjore.

* 343 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state the improvements proposed to be made in sub-jails in Tanjore under the new schemes for 1954–55 and the sum allotted to that district for such improvements under item No. 212 at page 130 of the Budget Memorandum for 1954–55?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The various proposals of improvements to sub-jails in the State, that were considered as Part II Scheme for 1954–55, included the following items of works in respect of the sub-jails in the Tanjore district :—

(1) *Sub-jail, Pattukkottai.*—Provision of a compound wall on the northern side and raising the height of the compound wall on the north and west of the sub-jail (estimated cost Rs. 6,700);

(2) *Sub-jail, Sirkali.*—Construction of a compound wall (estimated cost Rs. 4,580);

(3) *Sub-jail, Papanasam.*—Construction of a compound wall (estimated cost Rs. 10,300); and

(4) *Sub-jail, Tirturaipundi.*—Construction of additional cells (estimated cost Rs. 13,800).

Against the total estimated cost of the several proposals amounting to Rs. 2,80,700 for the whole State, a provision of Rupees one lakh only has been made in the Budget Estimate for 1954–55 and it is proposed that it should be left to the Jail department to distribute this amount according to the urgent needs of the various sob-jails.''

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்ன பதிலில் இருந்து சிறையில் காம்பவுண்டு சுவர்கள் கட்டப்படுவதற்காகப் பணம் ஒதுக்கப்படுவதாக தெரிகிறது. அதோடு மல ஜலம் கழிப்பதற்காக இட வசதியின்றி கஷ்டப்படுகிற கைதிகளுக்கு இப் பணத்திலிருந்தே வசதி செய்து கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I am afraid the hon. Member did not follow me fully. In Tanjore, we have made necessary provision for enlarging the block in respect of the jail."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" தஞ்சாவூர் சிறைகளிலே அதிகப்படியான அறைகள் கட்டப்படுகின்றன என்று சொன்னார்கள். இந்த அறைகள் தஞ்சாவூர் பண்ணையாள் பாதுகாப்புச் சட்டத்தை மீறியவர்களை அடைப்பதற்காகவா ? அல்லது பண்ணையாள் சட்டத்தை நடைமுறையில் கொண்டுவர வேண்டும் என்று சொல்பவர்களை அடைப்பதற்காகவா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Not as long as this Government is in power."

Introduction of Multi-purpose Co-operative Credit Societies.

* 344 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposals to introduce Multi-purpose Co-operative Credit Societies with limited liability in rural areas?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir. There is, however, a proposal to amend the Madras Co-operative Societies' Act so as to enable the Agricultural Credit Societies to get registered on a limited liability in special circumstances."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as the main reason why the co-operative movement is not making headway in rural areas is the unlimited nature of the liability of members, will the Government consider the question of revising its policy so that it may spread to rural areas? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I just said there is a proposal to make all these rural societies ' limited '."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Givernment aware that so long as the unlimited liability remains, they will not be a free flow of capital into these societes and that the credit facilities of farmers will, therefore, be seriously handicapped? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We are aware of the difficulties which people experience as a result of this unlimited